



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
LANSING



MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

February 26, 2007

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan

**SUBJECT:** Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

The Department of Education is asked to cosponsor a number of conferences or meetings. I am notifying the Board of the following cosponsorships:

2007 Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children  
Annual Conference

April as Month of the Young Child 2007

Blueprint to End Hunger Conference

- 2007 Fall Conference for School Food Service Professionals

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

KATHLEEN N. STRAUS – PRESIDENT • JOHN C. AUSTIN – VICE PRESIDENT  
CAROLYN L. CURTIN – SECRETARY • MARIANNE YARED MCGUIRE – TREASURER  
NANCY DANHOF – NASBE DELEGATE • ELIZABETH W. BAUER  
REGINALD M. TURNER • CASANDRA ULBRICH

608 WEST ALLEGAN STREET • P.O. BOX 30008 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909  
[www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde) • (517) 373-3324

## **COSPONSORSHIP**

**Title of Event:** 2007 Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference

**Primary Sponsoring Agency:** Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children

**Cosponsors:** Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Michigan Department of Education, Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care (4C), Michigan Head Start Association, Michigan Early Childhood Professionals, Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators

**Date:** March 29-31, 2007

**Location:** Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**Purpose:** To provide participants with current information regarding: research studies, effective teaching strategies, and supportive learning environments for young children and their families.

**Major Speaker(s)** Patrick Mitchell, Stephanie Burton and Al Russo

**Audience:** Early childhood teachers, administrators, support personnel and parents, including representatives of public and private schools, child care centers, Head Start, and training programs.

**Staff Involvement:** Staff from the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services will conduct presentations to disseminate information regarding state and federally-funded Michigan Department of Education programs and will present workshops on related topics.

**Financial Obligation (please check):** Federal    ☒    State    ☒    Other

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days):    \$3100  
7 Staff @ 2 days

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.)    \$1350  
Staff travel

**State Board Participation:** Yes, as invited guests

The following "Statement of Cosponsorship" will appear on the printed agenda for the meeting or conference:

Cosponsorship of a conference by the Michigan Department of Education assumes the active participation of Department of Education staff in the planning and development of the agenda. No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap. The conference facility must meet accessibility standards for the physically handicapped. Commercial products or services displayed or presented as a part of the conference are not considered endorsed by the Michigan Department of Education.

## **COSPONSORSHIP**

**Title of Event:** April as Month of the Young Child® 2007

**Primary Sponsoring Agency:** Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children

**Cosponsors:** See attached list.

**Location:** April 1-30, 2007

**Location:** Statewide observance through local and intermediate school districts and relevant community-based organizations

**Purpose:** It is proposed that the Michigan Department of Education recognize April 2007 as Month of the Young Child® in Michigan.

Early Childhood Education and Family Services staff will assist in planning, organizing and arranging statewide observances and will forward materials to local and intermediate school districts and relevant community-based organizations if funds are available.

**Major Speaker(s):** Not applicable

**Audience:** Early childhood educators, agencies, and organizations; parents; and child care providers

**Staff Involvement:** One contracted consultant as a member of the planning committee.

**Financial Obligation (please check):**    **Federal**                      **State**                      **Other**

Staff Costs (including fringe benefits and number of days):                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Costs (including meals, phone, postage, travel, etc.)                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Participation:** Not applicable

The following "Statement of Cosponsorship" will appear on the printed agenda for the meeting or conference:

Cosponsorship of a conference by the Michigan Department of Education assumes the active participation of Department of Education staff in the planning and development of the agenda. No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap. The conference facility must meet accessibility standards for the physically handicapped. Commercial products or services displayed or presented as a part of the conference are not considered endorsed by the Michigan Department of Education.

**2007 Month of the Young Child® Sponsors  
(invited)**

Early Childhood Investment Corporation  
Michigan Department of Education  
Association for Child Development  
Child Abuse Prevention Services  
Children's Trust Fund  
Office of Children and Adult Licensing  
*Early On®* Michigan  
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation  
House Democratic Caucus  
House Republican Caucus  
League of Women Voters of Michigan  
Magic Ride  
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation  
Michigan 4C Association  
Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children  
Michigan Association of Children's Alliances  
Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators  
Michigan Child Care Task Force  
Michigan Coalition of Children and Families  
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health  
Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency  
Michigan Department of Corrections  
Michigan Division of Early Childhood  
Michigan Family Independence Agency  
Michigan Head Start Association  
Michigan League of Human Services  
Michigan Stand for Children  
Michigan's Children  
Parenting Awareness Month Campaign  
Prevention Network  
YMCAs of Michigan  
Young Entomologists' Society

## CO-SPONSORSHIP

**Title of Conference:** Blueprint to End Hunger Conference

**Primary Sponsoring Agencies:** Food Bank Council of Michigan  
MAZON

**Co-Sponsors:** Michigan Department of Education  
Center for Civil Justice  
M.S.U. Extension  
Others to be determined

**Date:** May 21, 2007 and May 22, 2007

**Location:** Lansing Convention Center and the Michigan Capitol

**Purpose:** To develop network and training opportunities for community service organizations. To build support for hunger relief and proactive food policies. To learn how to educate policy makers on the issue of hunger. To provide an opportunity for required Civil Rights and nutrition education training for Child Nutrition Program providers.

**Major Speakers:** To be determined; Includes MSU Extension staff, MDE and/or USDA staff, local emergency food providers, community leaders, and state legislators.

**Audience:** Community Action Agency staff, childcare staff, SFSP providers, emergency food providers, and family day care home sponsors.

**Staff Involvement:** Participate on the Conference planning team and provide training and technical assistance through formal presentations and informal networking.

**Financial Obligation:** Federal   X   State Other  
\$2,000 to help offset the cost of conference materials and expenses.  
Registration fee for 8 MDE staff (\$50 each)

**State Board Participation:** Board members are encouraged to attend.

The following "Statement of Co-sponsorship" will appear on the printed agenda. Co-sponsorship of a conference by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) assumes the active participation of MDE staff in the planning and development of the agenda. No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap. Commercial products or services displayed or presented as part of the conference are not considered endorsed by MDE.

## CO-SPONSORSHIP

Title of Conference or Meeting: 2007 Fall Conference for School Food Service Professionals

Primary Sponsoring Agency: School Nutrition Association of Michigan

Co-sponsors: Michigan Department of Education  
School Nutrition Association of Michigan

Date: October 16-19, 2007

Location: Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls, MI

Purpose: To provide information and resources to school food service directors through a multiple-day workshop that will focus on USDA program requirements and all aspects of school meals program operations at the local districts.

Major Speaker(s): To be determined; Includes School Meals Program and Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs Unit staff.

Audience: School food service directors from multi-site school districts.

Staff Involvement: Provide training and technical assistance through formal presentations and informal networking with local district food service staff.

Financial Obligation: Federal   X   State Other

Staff Costs: \$7,578  
(2.5 days x 12 staff and 3 days x 3 staff)  
(approximately 20 hours)

Travel Costs: \$7,663  
Lodging – 15 staff x \$118/night x 3 nights = \$5,310  
Mileage – 376 miles (round trip) x \$.328 = \$123 x  
4 cars = \$493  
Meals – 4 days x 31.00 = \$124 x 15 staff = \$1,860

State Board Participation Invited Guests

The following "Statement of Co-sponsorship" will appear on the printed agenda for the meeting or conference:

Co-sponsorship of a conference by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) assumes the active participation of MDE staff in the planning and development of the agenda. No person shall be denied the opportunity to participate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap. The conference facility must meet accessibility standards for the physically handicapped. Commercial products or services displayed or presented as part of the conference are not considered endorsed by MDE.